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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

In another embodiment of the modified RTP packet data structure of the present invention, Header Error Checker field [[406]]408 allows one bit error correction due to errors induced by noise, interference and other environmental conditions. This error correcting capability improves Quality of Service (QoS) for the traffic represented by the packets transmitted between the VoIP gateways.

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